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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AEROMEXICO AT DETROIT

REF: MEXICO 9196

1. AEROMEXICO HAS TEMPORARILY REVISED ITS DAILY DETROIT FLIGHT ITINERARY SO AS TO ALLOW FLIGHT TO BE RE-FUELED IN TORONTO, WHERE THERE IS NO ALLOCATION SYSTEM IN EFFECT. FLIGHT NOW STOPS IN DETROIT NORTHBOUND ONLY, AND OVERFLIES SOUTHBOUND.

2. AEROMEXICO'S PROBLEM DEVELOPED IN PART BECAUSE IT ALLOWED ITS BONDED FUEL CONTRACT WITH SHELL IN DETROIT TO EXPIRE WITHOUT FIRST FINDING ANOTHER SUPPLIER. WHEN CONTRACT EXPIRED, AEROMEXICO APPARENTLY COULD NOT FIND ANOTHER BONDED FUEL SUPPLIER AND SHELL ORDERED ITS LOCAL AGENT, BUTLER AVIATION, TO CEASE SERVICING AEROMEXICO. AS IT PURCHASED ONLY BONDED FUEL, AEROMEXICO HAS NO 1972 BASE FROM WHICH TO APPLY FOR AN ALLOCATION OF DOMESTIC

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FUEL. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO HOW CRITICAL

AEROMEXICO'S SITUATION MAY BE IN OTHER US CITIES.

3. THE OFFICE OF PETROLEUM ALLOCATION HAS ASSIGNED SHELL TO SUPPLY MEXICANA DOMESTIC JET FUEL IN LOS ANGELES TO COVER APPROXIMATELY 85 OF CURRENT NEEDS FOR DECEMBER. OPA NAMED PHILLIPS AGAIN TO SUPPLY MEXICANA FOR DECEMBER IN ST. LOUIS, AND INCREASED MEXICANA'S ALLOCATION OUT OF LOCATIONS FROM DOMESTIC SUPPLIERS IN 1973, THEREFORE OPA ALLOCATED FUEL TO IT ON BASIS OF A HYPOTHETICAL '72 LEVEL. KISSINGER

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